

# Optical diagnostics for warm dense matter experiments at NDCX-I/II

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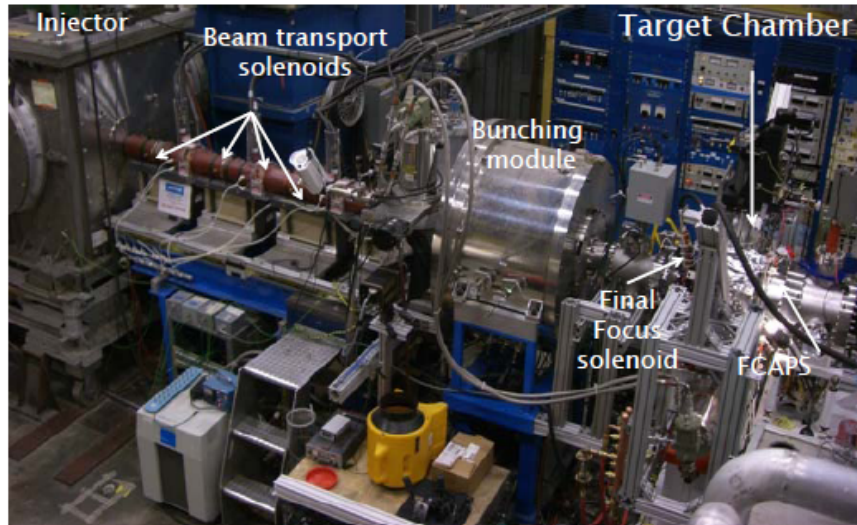


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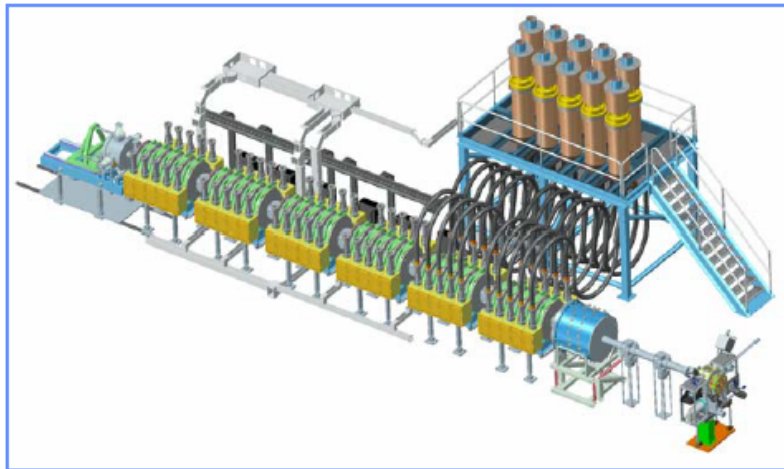
# NDCX I is laying the groundwork for NDCX II.

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NDCX I  
0.35 MeV,  
0.003  $\mu\text{C}$   
2 ns  
Now



- Explore liquid/vapor boundaries at  $T \sim 0.4$  eV
- Evaporation rates/ bubble and droplet formation
- Test beam compression physics
- Develop diagnostics

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NDCX II  
3 - 6 MeV,  
0.03  $\mu\text{C}$   
1 ns  
Completion  
date: 2011

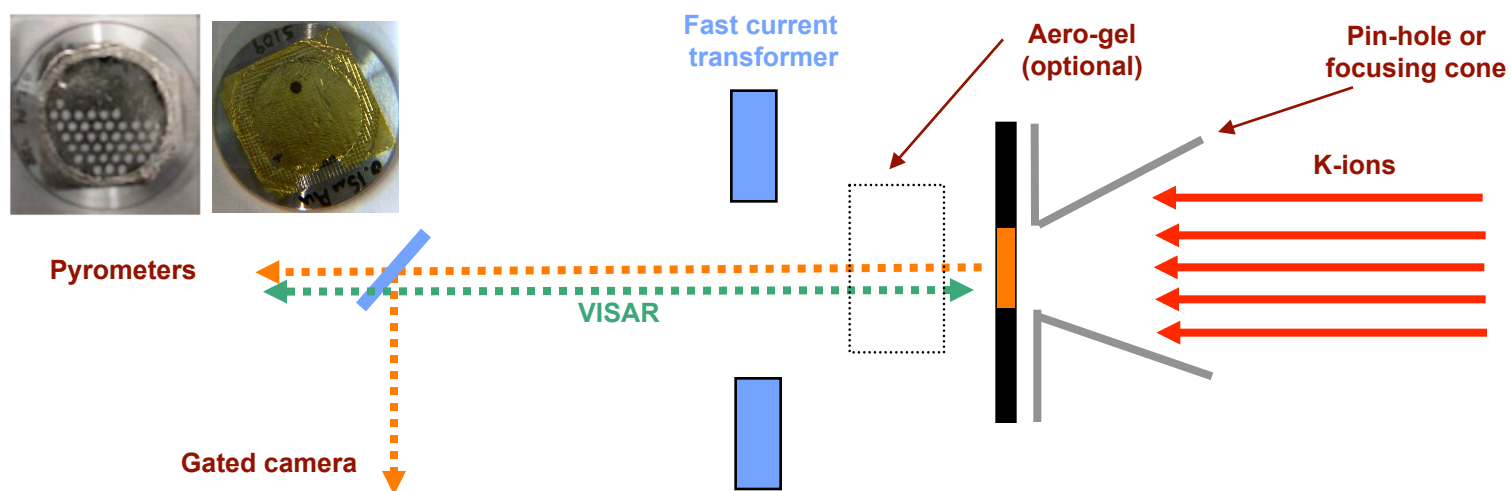


- Bragg peak heating
- $T \sim 1\text{-}2$  eV in planar targets (higher in cylindrical/spherical Implosions)
- $\text{Ion}^+/\text{Ion}^-$  plasmas
- Critical point; complete liquid/vapor boundary
- Transport physics
- HIF coupling and beam physics

# List of diagnostics

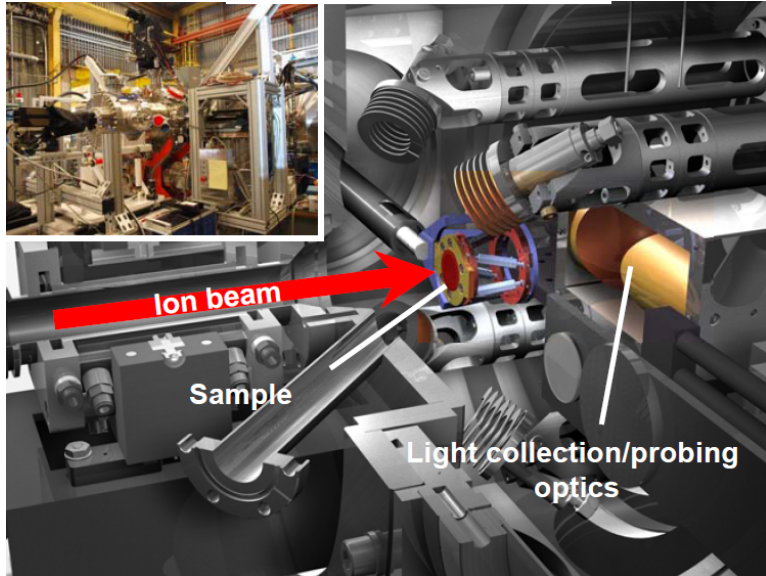
Diagnostic:	Measures:	Status:
Fast multi-channels pyrometer	Black body temperature	Fielded
Streak-pyrometer	Temperature	Fielded
Doppler-shift interferometer	Surface expansion velocity, pressure	In progress
Gated amplified CCD cameras	Sample Instant imaging	Fielded
Current transformer	Ion beam transmission, density	Fielded
Polarization pyrometer	Temperature	R&D in progress
Microscope imaging	Droplet formation imaging	In progress
X-pinch	Density	Planned in 2011
Polarimeter	Reflectivity/Emissivity/AC conductivity	Planned in 2011
Heterodyne interferometer	Low, Plasma density	Planned in 2012
Electrical conductivity	Target breaking, droplet formation	After 2012
Thomson Scattering	Temperature and more	NDCX-II

# Experimental setup

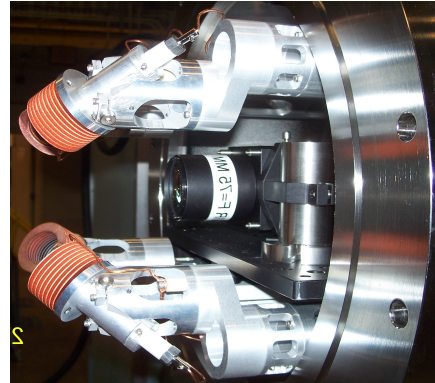




# Target chamber area



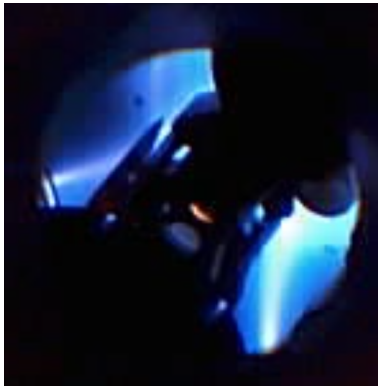
Probing optics inside chamber



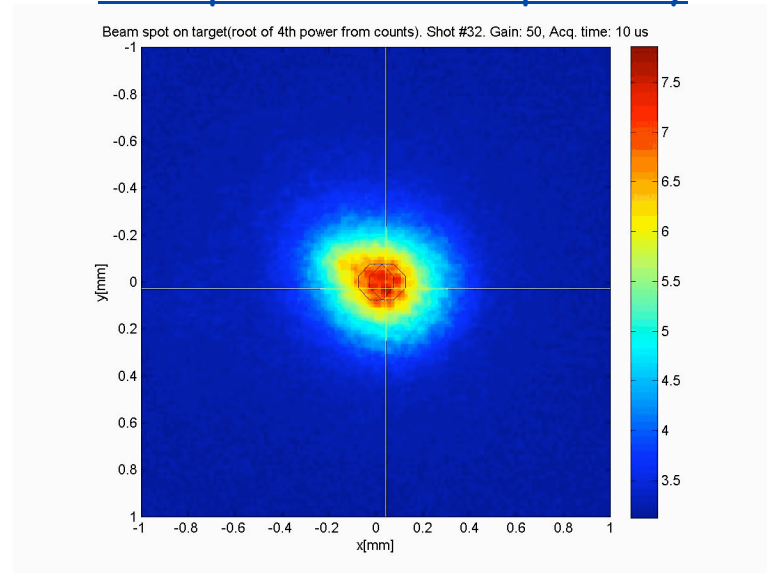
Neutralization plasma



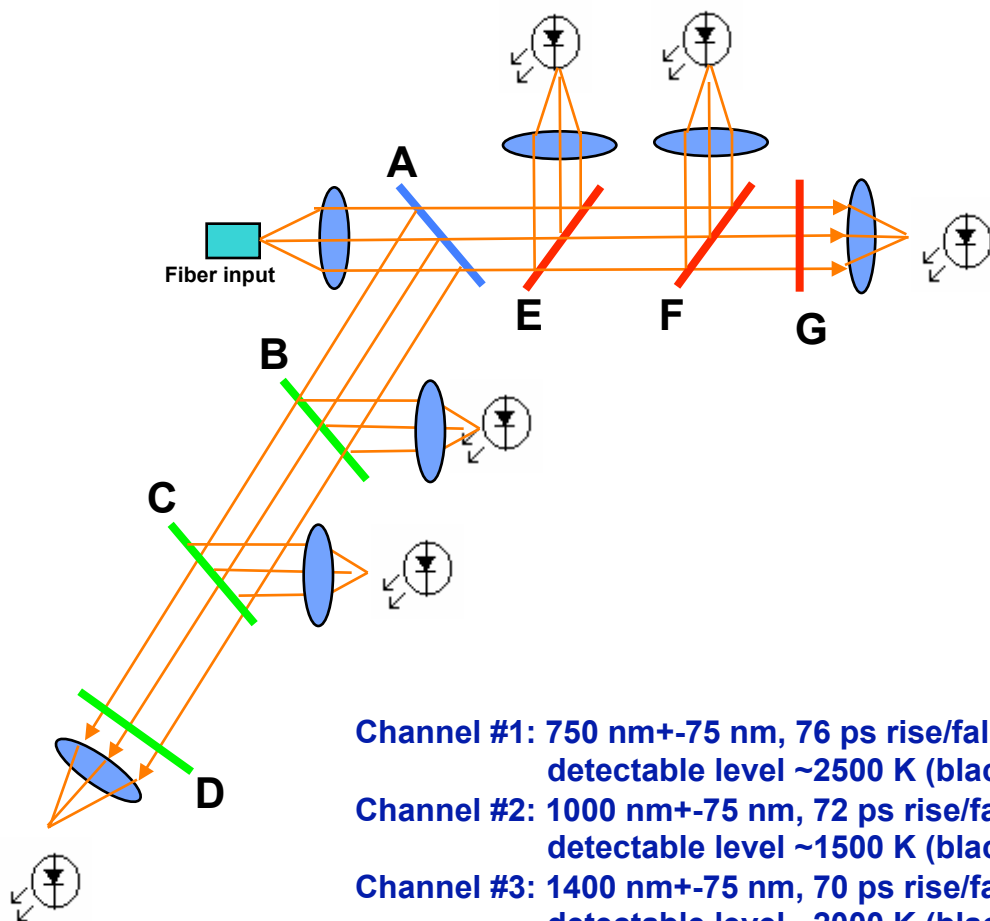
Target holder area during shot



Beam spot shot-to-shot repeatability



# Sub-ns optical pyrometer for experiments at NDCX-1

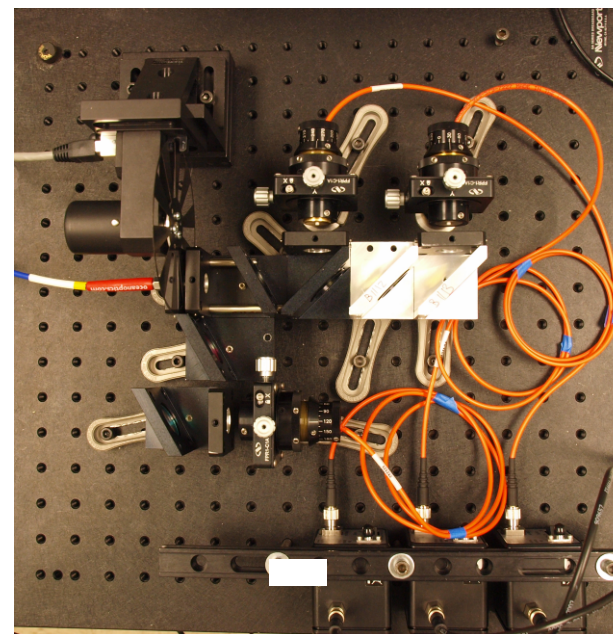


Channel #1: 750 nm $\pm$ 75 nm, 76 ps rise/fall time  
detectable level  $\sim$ 2500 K (blackbody)

Channel #2: 1000 nm $\pm$ 75 nm, 72 ps rise/fall time  
detectable level  $\sim$ 1500 K (blackbody)

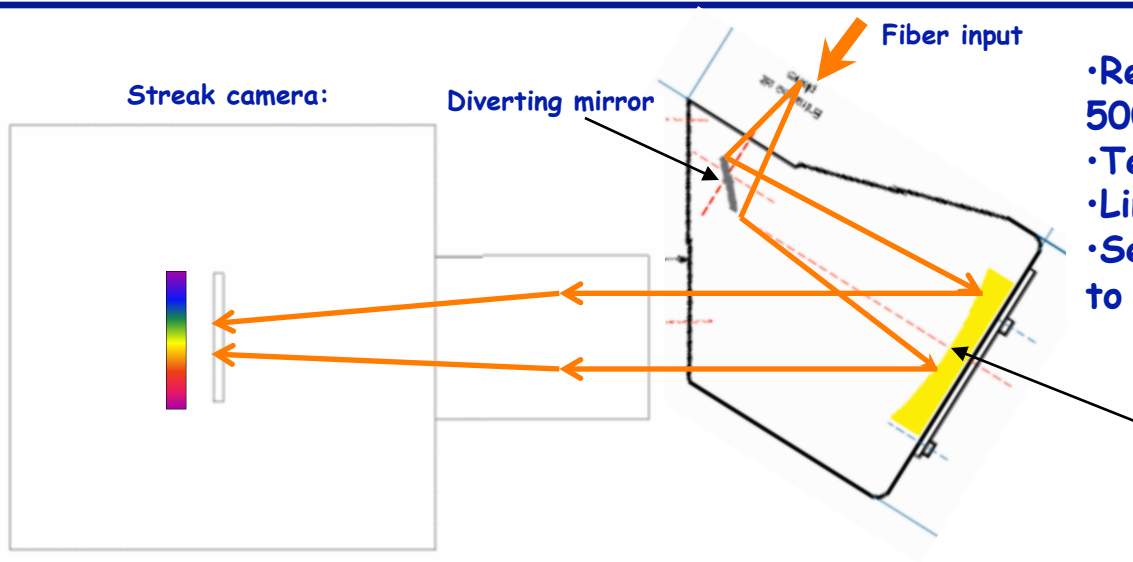
Channel #3: 1400 nm $\pm$ 75 nm, 70 ps rise/fall time  
detectable level  $\sim$ 2000 K (blackbody)

•Can be upgraded up to 7 channels



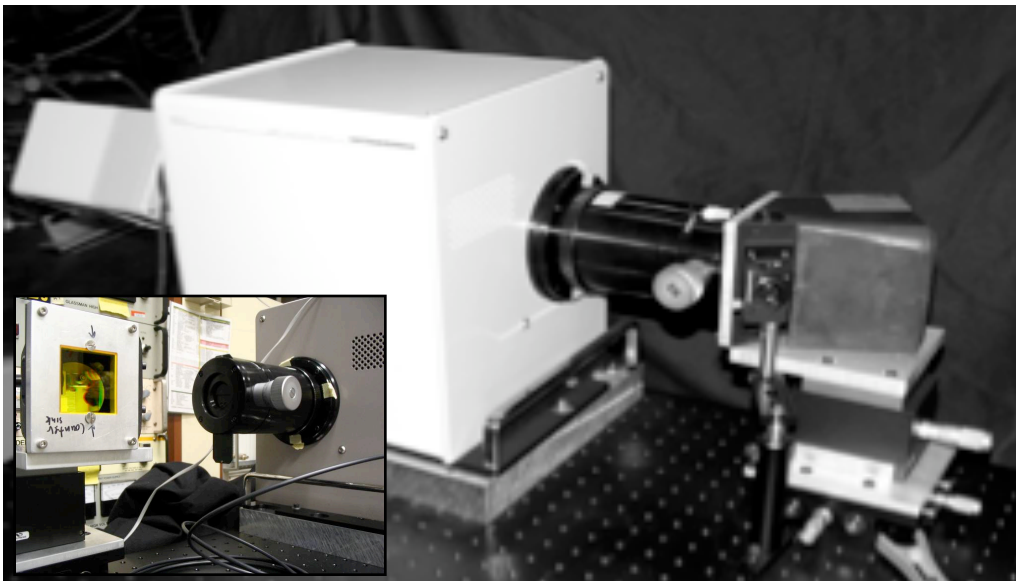
# Streak camera for time resolved absolute spectroscopy

Working scheme:

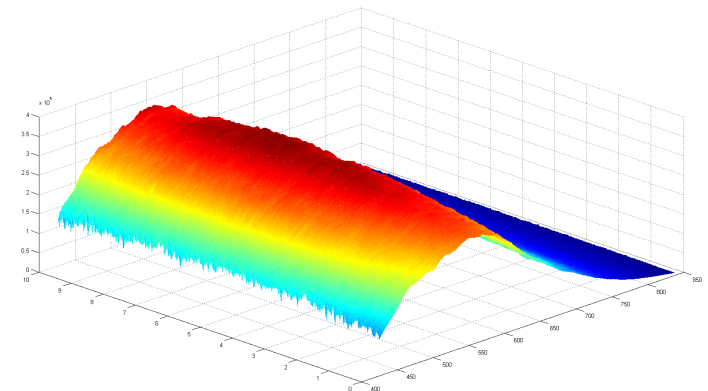


- Records continuous spectrum from 500 nm to 850 nm
- Temporal resolution down to 5 ps
- Linear response
- Sensitivity is inversely proportional to temporal resolution

Implementation:



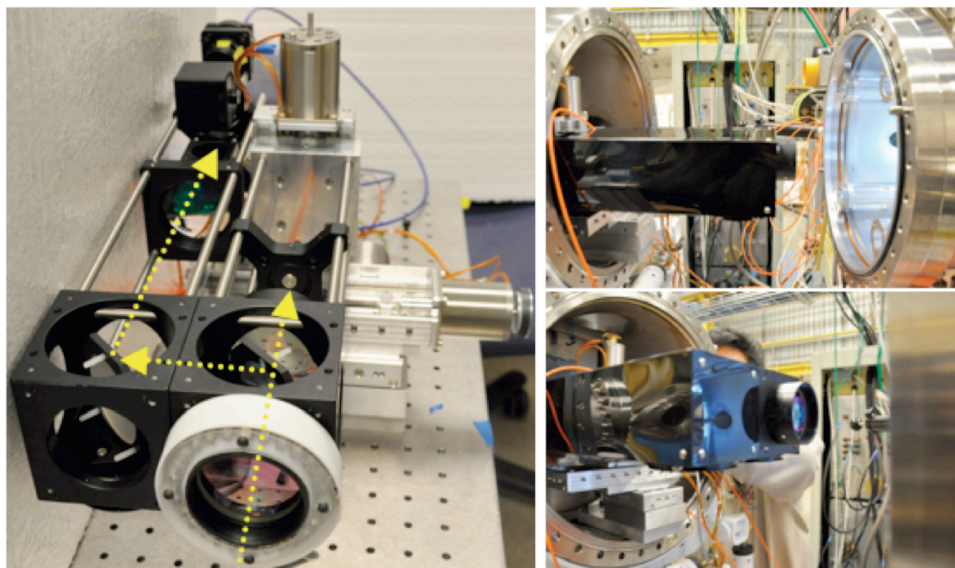
Calibration image of streak camera:





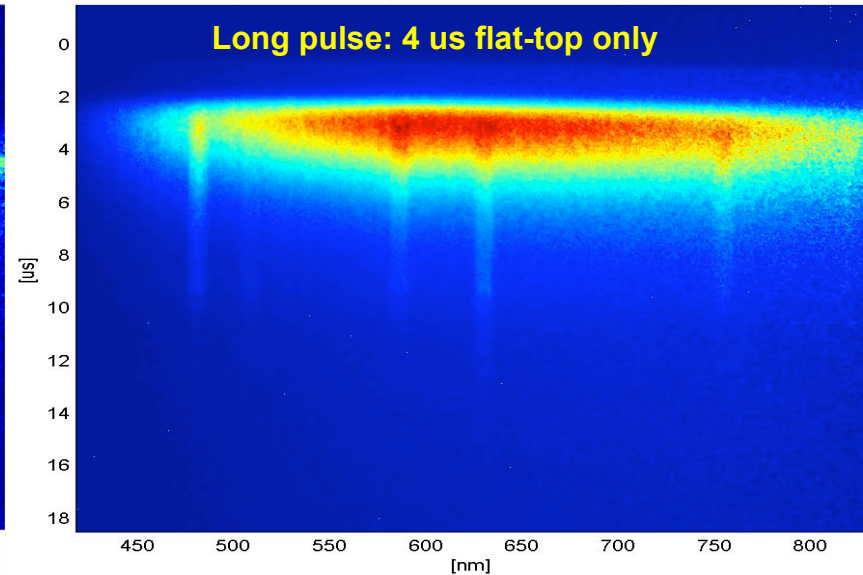
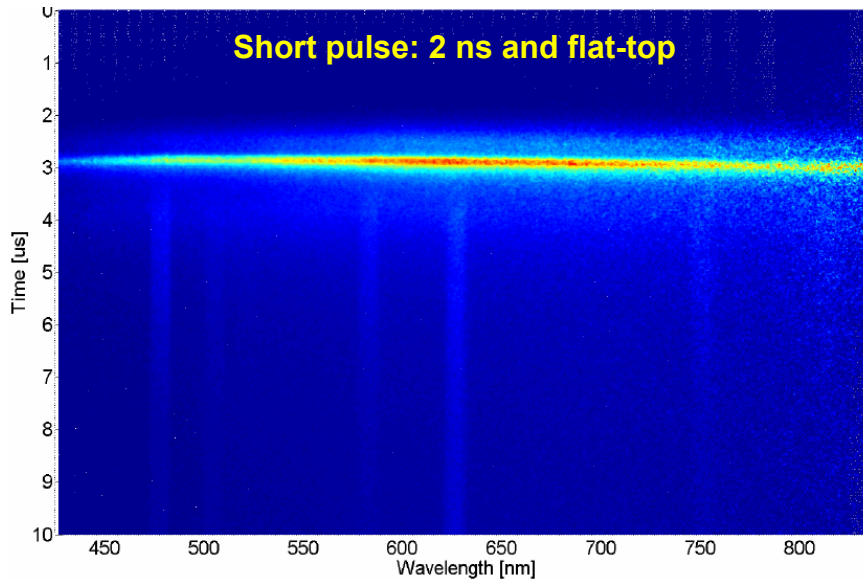
## Collection of thermal emission for temperature measurements

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- Simultaneous usage of the streak-camera-spectrometer and the pyrometer.
- VIS (430 nm to 950 nm) coupled to streak spectrometer
- NIR (950 nm to 2000 nm) coupled to pyrometer
- Complete motorization for precise alignment in vacuum
- Pending integration of visar

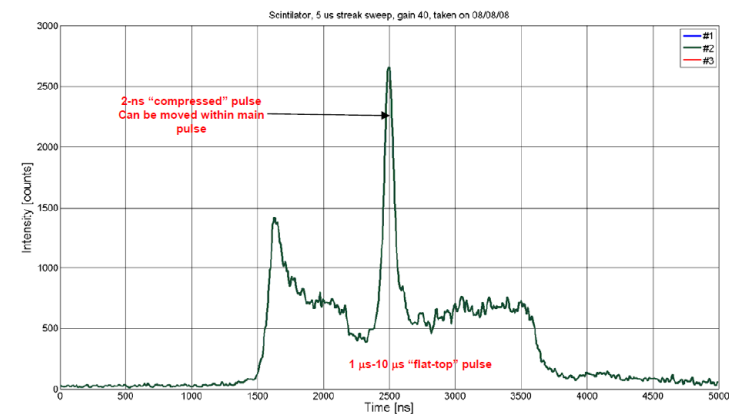
## Two modes of heating a target



### Beam current structure:

- Main, flat-top 1  $\mu$ s pulse (variable up to 50  $\mu$ s) with flux on target  $\sim 100$  mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>/ $\mu$ s
- Bunch-compressed 2-ns pulse with flux  $\sim 10$  mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>.
- The compressed pulse can be delivered controllably at any time within the duration of the main pulse.

### NDCX-1 beam pulse structure

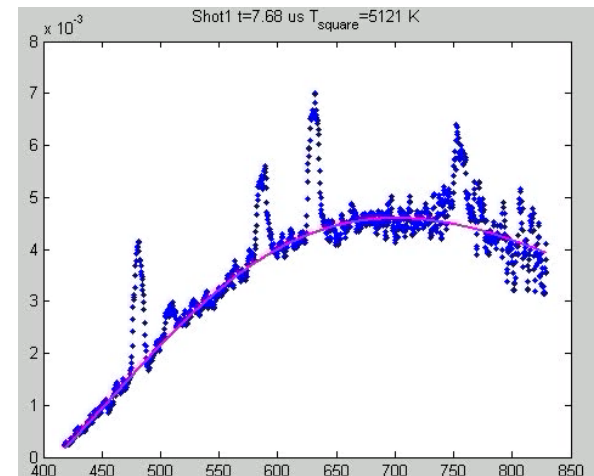
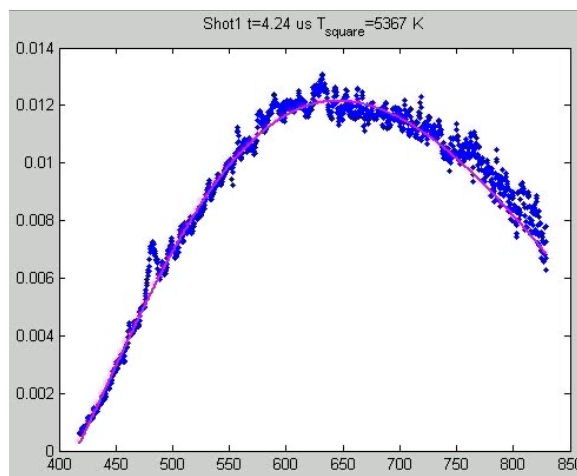
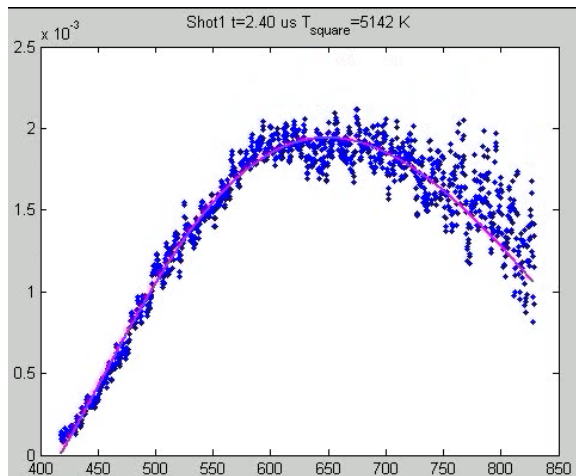
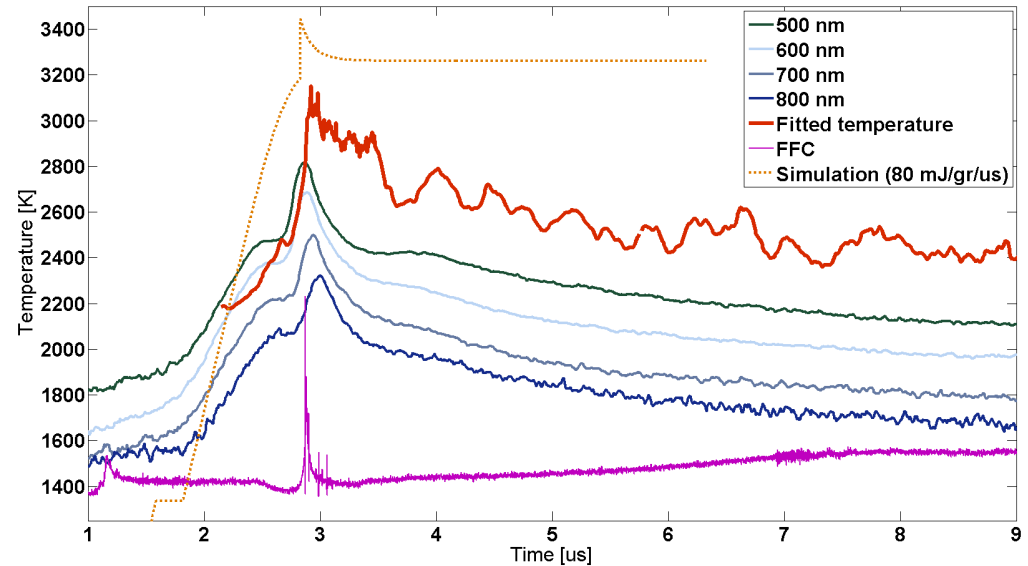


# Temperatures reconstructed from streak camera data: Au

$$I(\lambda, T) = \varepsilon(\lambda) \cdot \frac{C_1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda T}} - 1}$$

• Multi-wavelength pyrometry is “ill-posed” problem:  $n+1$  unknowns,  $n$ -measured.

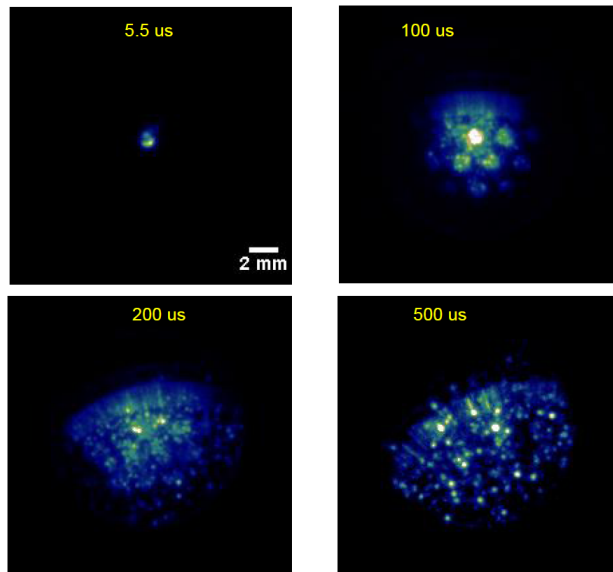
$$\varepsilon(\lambda, T) = A_n(T) \cdot \lambda^n + A_{n-1}(T) \cdot \lambda^{n-1} + \dots A_0$$





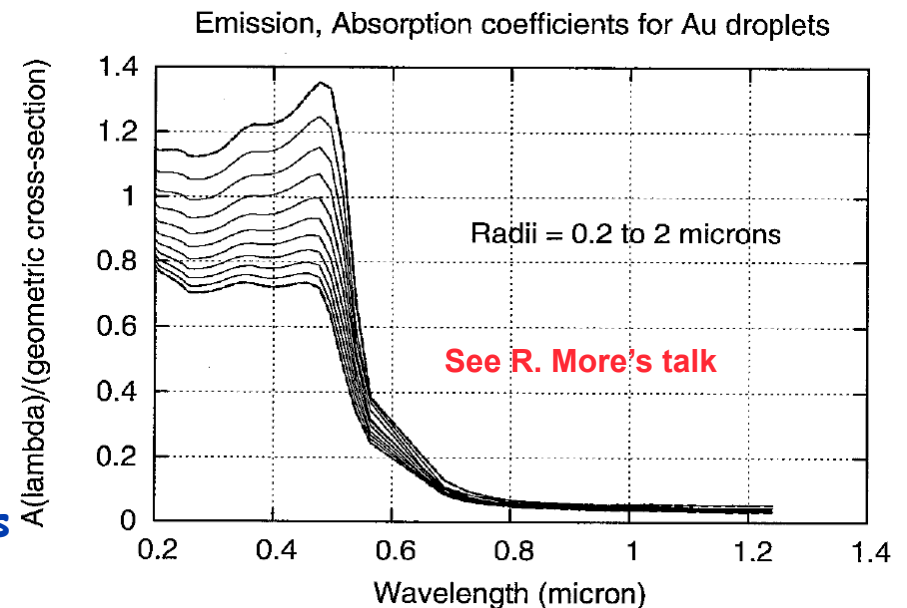
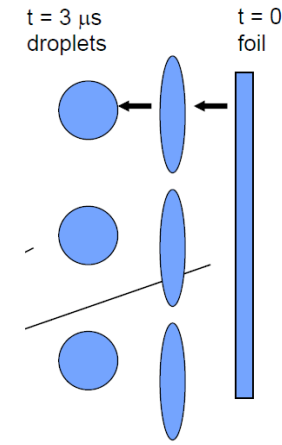
# Physics of droplet formation and droplet radiation

Shower of hot debris fragments after end of shot suggests droplet formation.

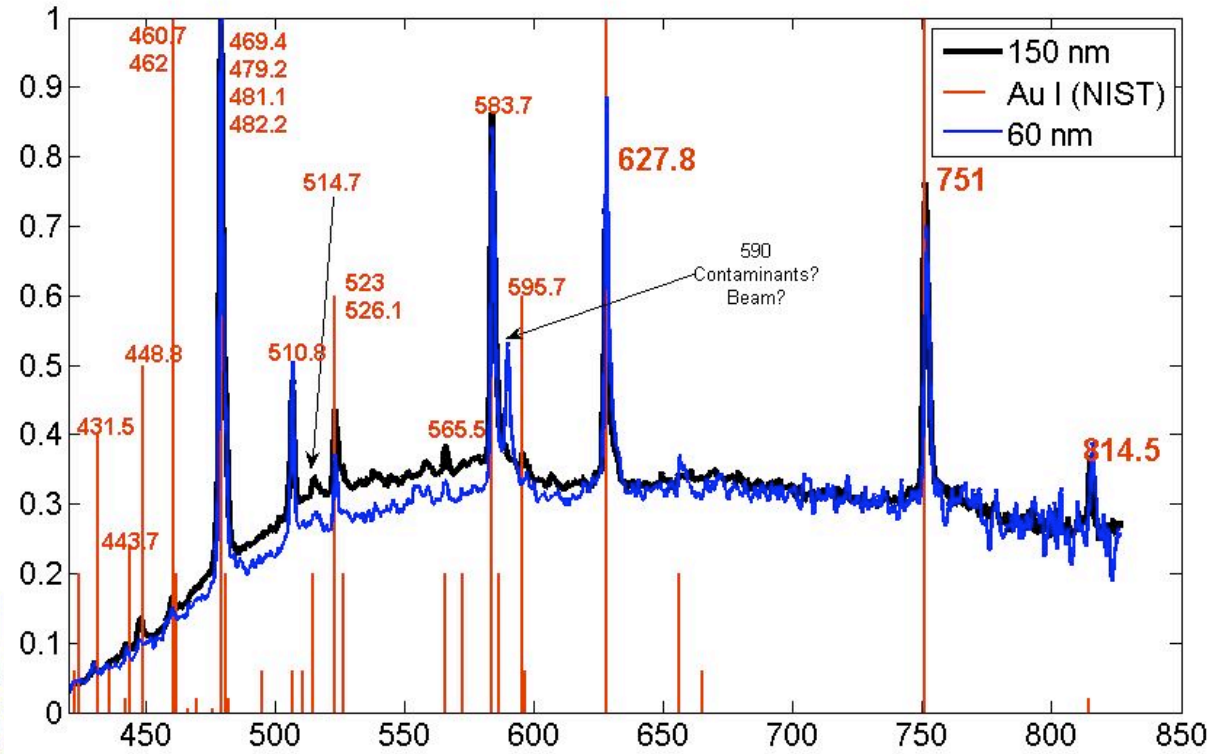
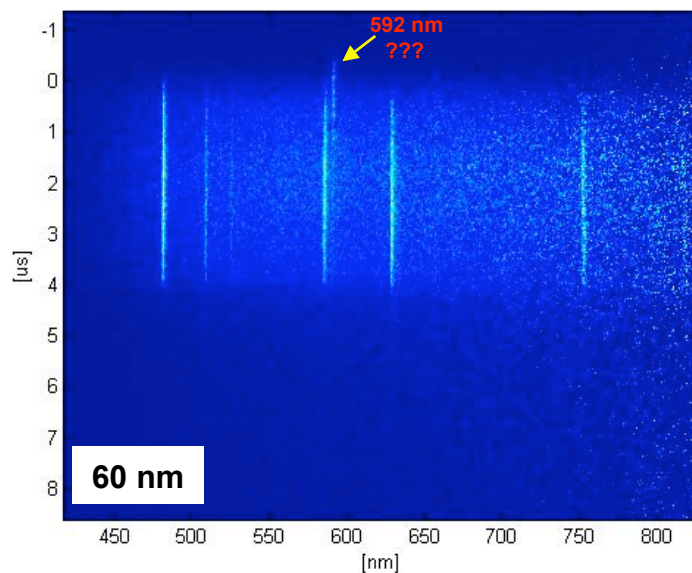
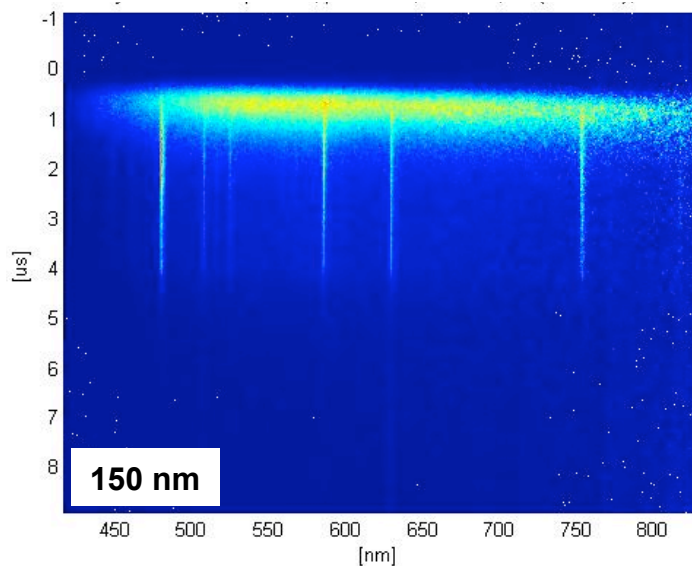


## New physics opportunities:

- Physics of droplet formation determined by surface tension, instabilities etc.
- Interpretation of the optical data for gold target based on formation of micron - sized droplets.
- Nano-particles generation and thermodynamics
- Dusty plasma

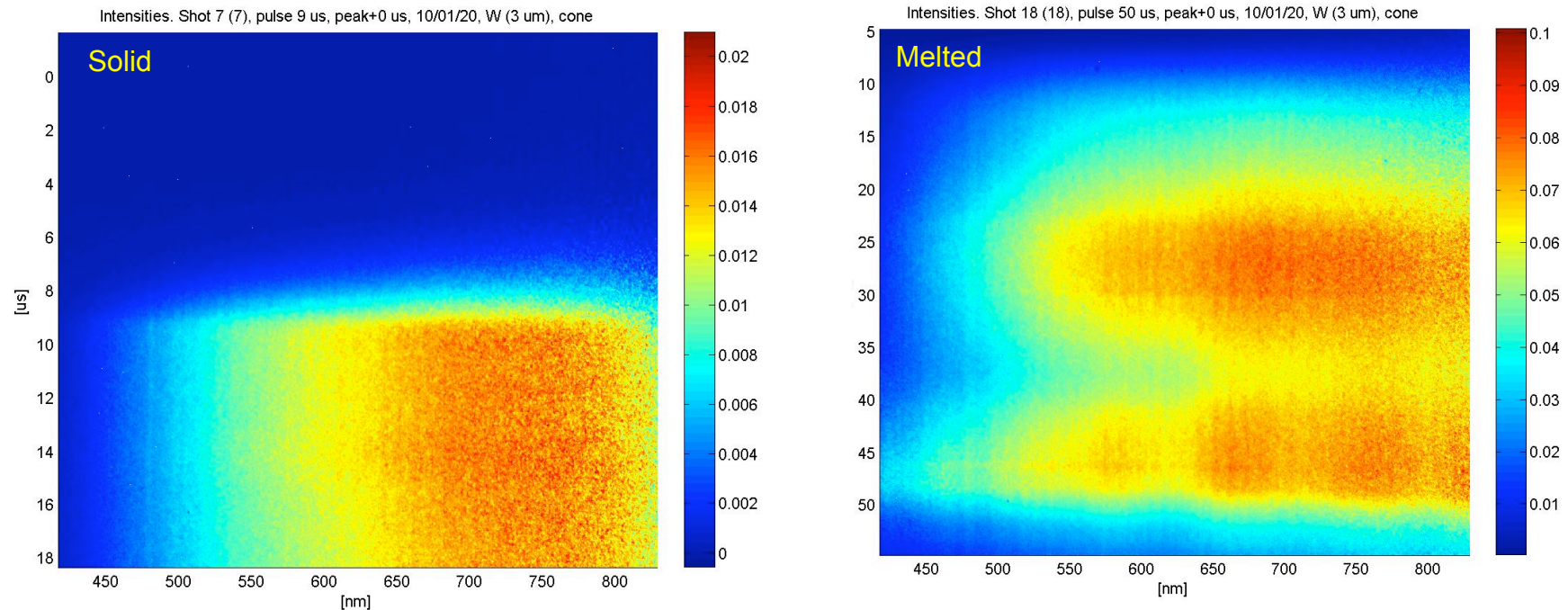


# Unidentified line (592 nm) appears when using thinner targets



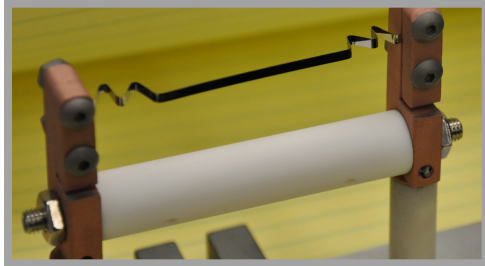
- Streak - spectrometer data in Au target showing transition from continuum emission to emission lines from heated gold
- All but one line are identified as Au I. This line is neither Au, K, Ni, O nor H
- What physics is behind this line?

# Spectra of melting tungsten



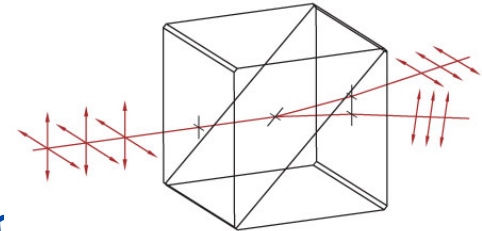
- Thermal emission modulated by changing emissivity (dielectric coefficient)
- Simple polynomial models of emissivity do not work
- Studies of optical properties during phase transitions

# Thermal self-emission of hot metals is polarized

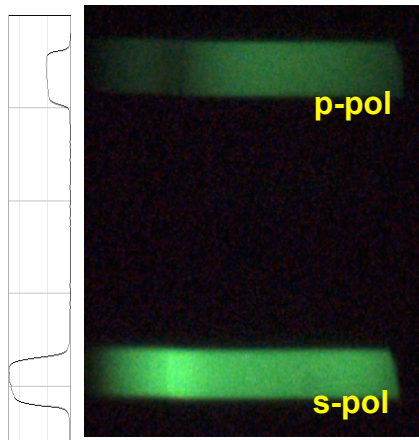


In 2009 R. More suggested to:

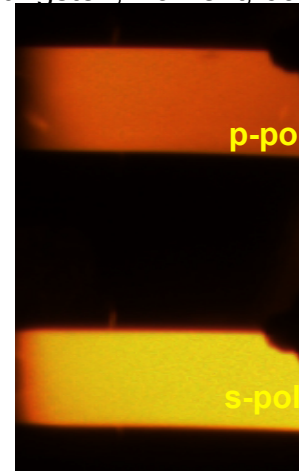
- Heat up plane metal filament with current
- Looking at it under an angle
- Compare P- and S- components of self-emission
- As a first attempt we took a ccd camera with a built in Wollaston-prism



Molybdenum filament, 45 deg, 530 nm



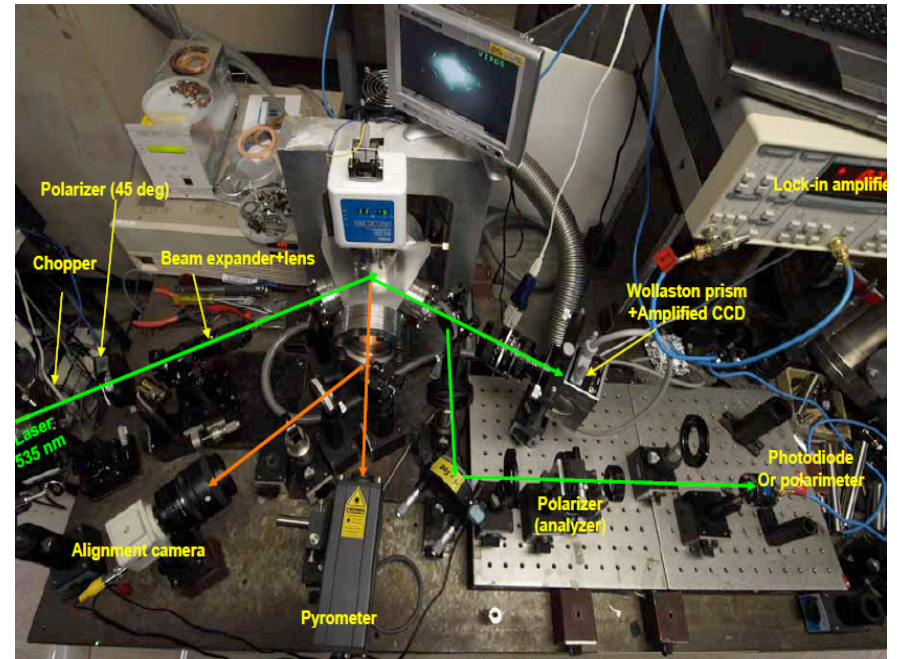
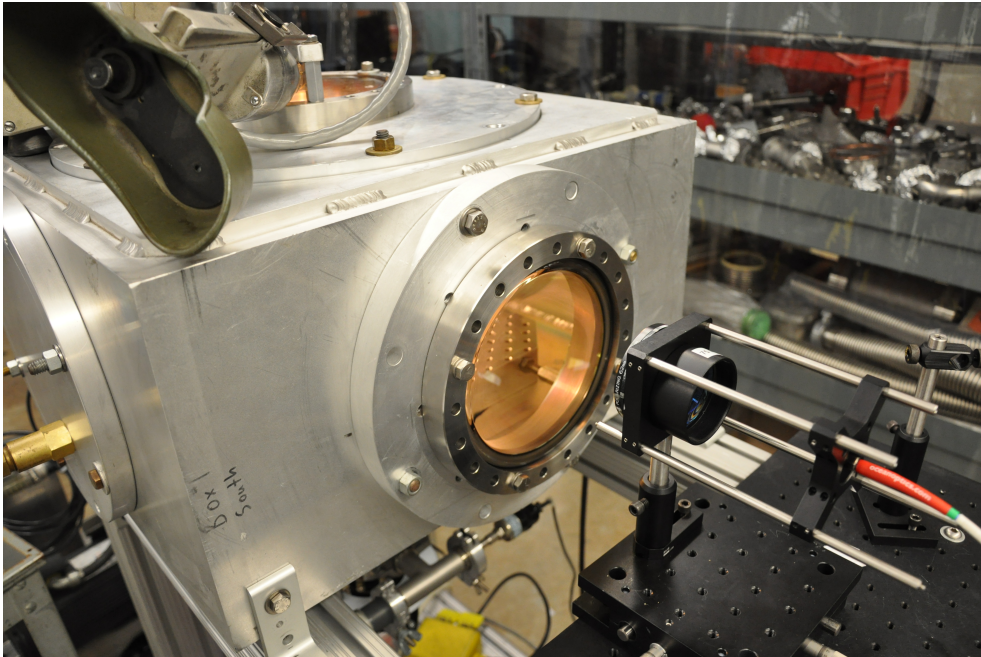
Tungsten, filament, 60 deg



Similar effects were detected with W, Mo, Pt, Ta, Mo-Re

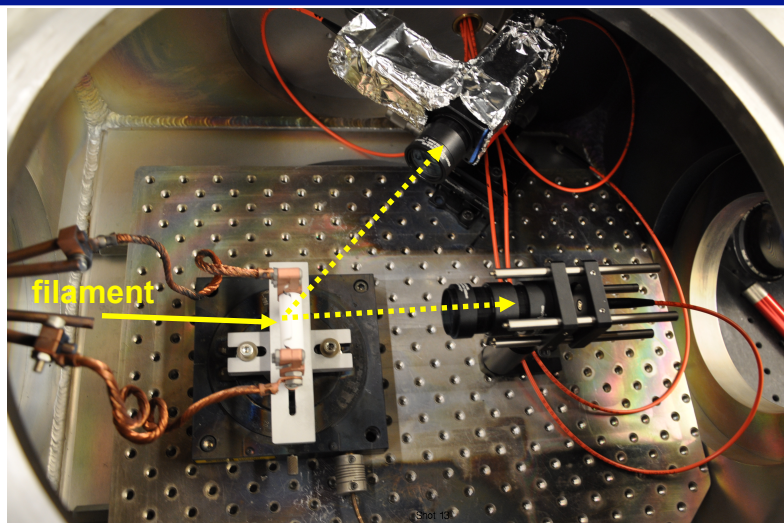


# Experiments in LBNL and Tokyo

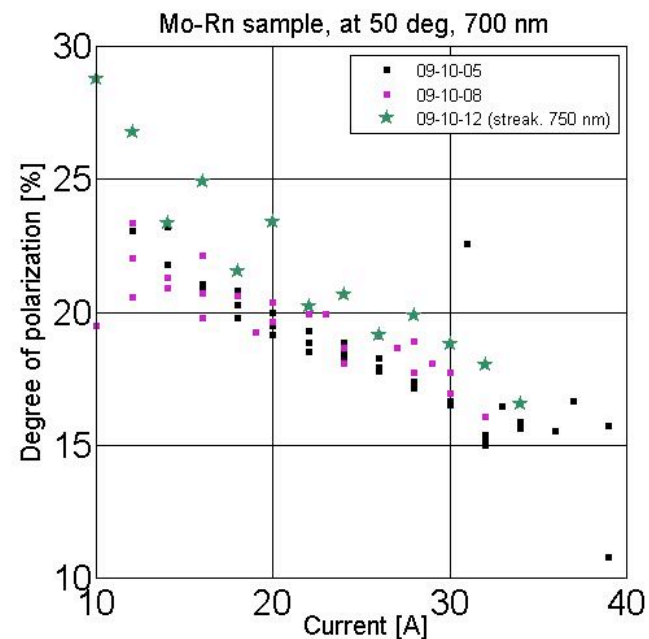
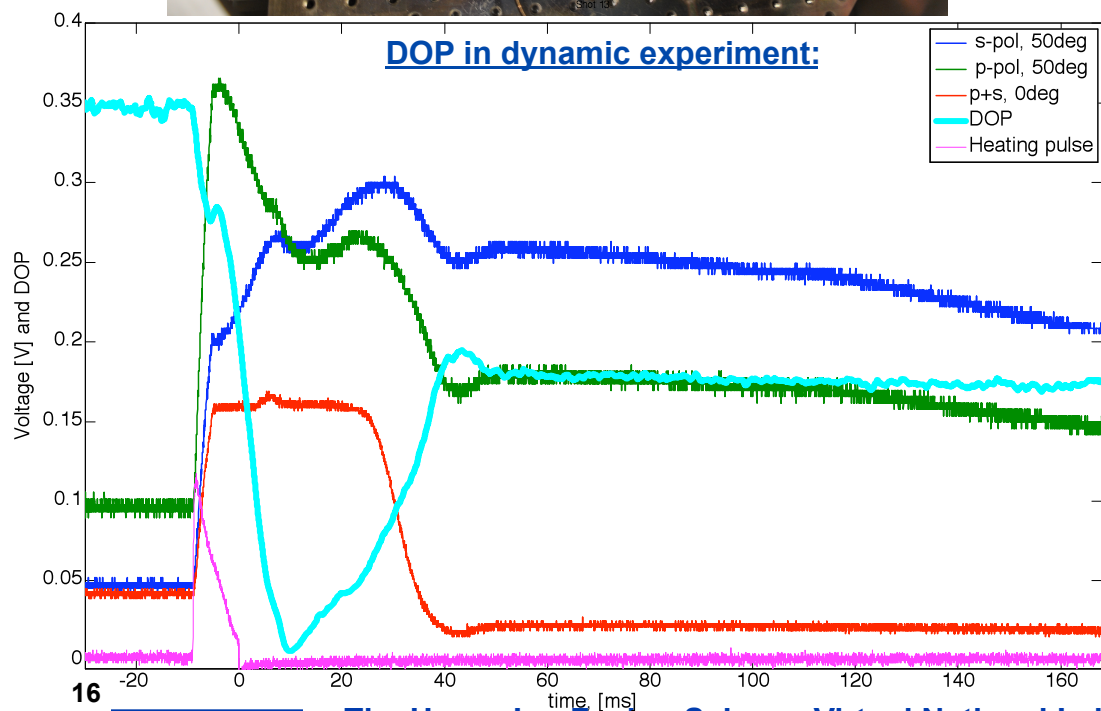


# Degree of polarization (DOP) of Mo-Re

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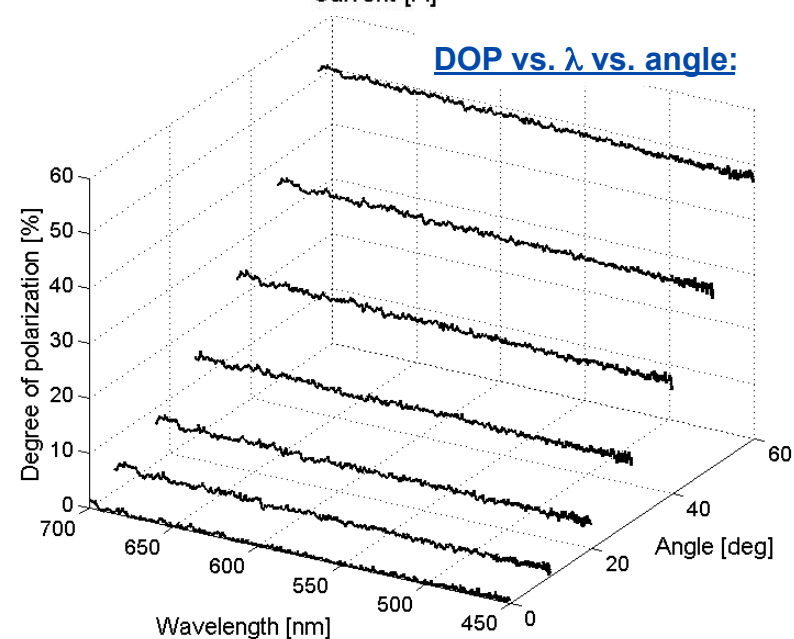


DOP in dynamic experiment:



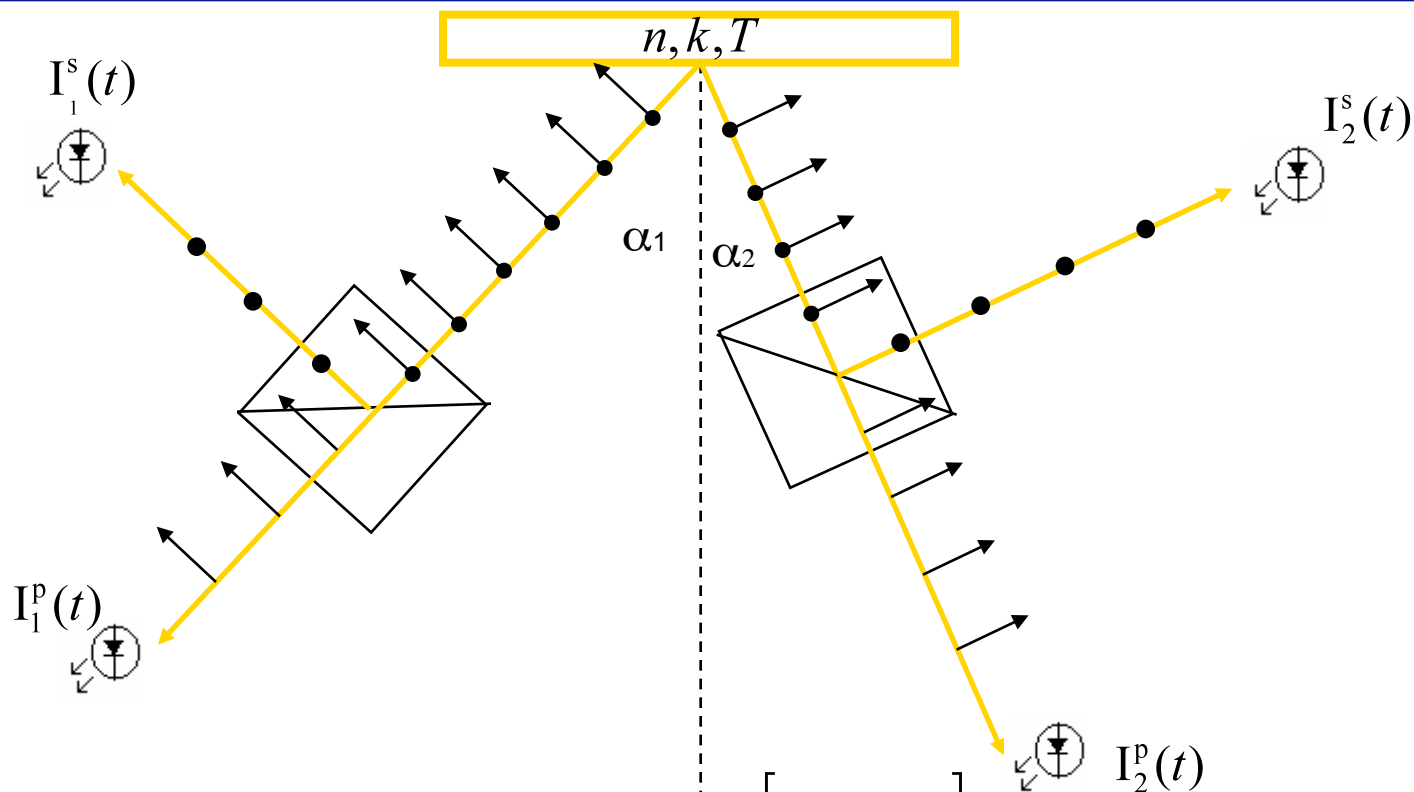
DOP vs. T:

DOP vs.  $\lambda$  vs. angle:





# A new approach to measure temperature



Radiation at each detector :  $I_i^{p,s} = \left[ 1 - r_{p,s}(n, k, \alpha_i, \lambda) \right] \times \left[ \frac{C_1}{\lambda^5} \frac{1}{e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda T}} - 1} \right], i = 1, 2,$

where  $r_{p,s}$  are Fresnel formulas of reflectivity.

We have three unknowns,  $n, k, T$  and four knowns,  $I_i^{p,s}$ . If surface is described by Fresnel formulas we can uniquely extract temperature!

In general case a code is being developed (R. More)

# Summary

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- We now have necessary minimum to begin with WDM studies. More diagnostics are on the way.
- NDCX-I is a test ground, real discoveries will be made at NDCX-II
- Even in initial NDCX-I experiments, we discovered new and rich physics
- Future experiments with NDCX-I and NDCX-II will explore aspects of WDM physics including high electron affinity targets, porous targets, cylindrical/spherical implosions, beam-target coupling, etc.
- Diagnostics wish list from users